JUST ONE YEAR AFTER ITS 1770 FOUNDING, the College received its first donation of books. Two and a half centuries later, the College Libraries remain committed to providing a safe, supportive environment for students to study, create and collaborate. As we look to the future information landscape, the College Libraries will play the pivotal role of fostering digital citizenship and a digital makerspace culture for an increasingly media and data driven economy.

GOAL

$750,000

By expanding the Libraries’ physical and digital infrastructure, your support will create a central hub for media production, experiential learning and creative cooperation, which will distinguish College of Charleston students by their digital prowess.
TECHNOLOGY LENDING PROGRAM

Goal: $200,000

Students rely on the Libraries for access to cost-prohibitive technology. Supporting the technology lending program ensures all students, no matter their discipline or socioeconomic status, are able to create and collaborate with their peers.

This program will bolster student success by providing access to:

• MacBook Pros, state-of-the-art laptops preferred by students and creative professionals alike, yet unaffordable for as many as one in three College of Charleston students
• iPads to facilitate teamwork, flexibility and productivity
• HD video and still cameras to produce podcasts, oral histories and documentaries
• Editing applications and software to polish assignments and prepare for a digitally driven workforce
• Augmented reality and virtual reality gear to enable 21st century storytelling

STUDENT-FOCUSED MAKERSPACES

Goal: $450,000

The first floor of Addlestone Library will serve as a student hub for digital media production, with an offering of the latest tools and spaces for creating digital content in purpose-built studios.

These spaces and tools will provide a tech-rich environment, including:

• Two podcast studios with professional recording equipment
• A digital studio for media editing and engaged learning
• Dynamic, collaborative seating arrangements

DIGITAL MASTERCLASS

Goal: $100,000

Library services will provide co-curricular learning opportunities that will develop digital competencies and critical thinking skills for the 21st century workplace.

These services will allow to students to learn how to:

• Record and publish interviews, podcasts and oral histories
• Film professional-quality videos and presentations
• Photograph and edit still images
• Navigate an ever-growing supply of electronic research material
• Engage with rare books, manuscripts and artifacts
• Curate physical and electronic collections and exhibitions